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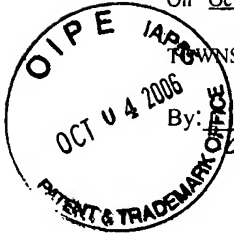
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 2, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.